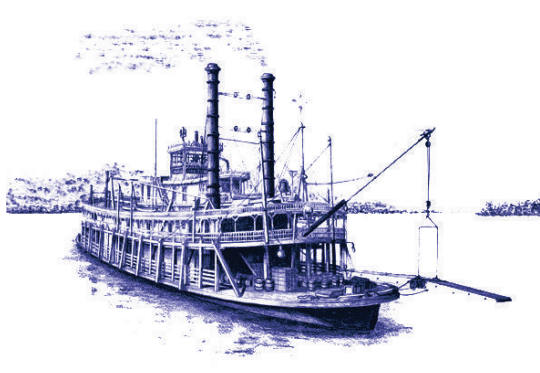




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BLF networking service providers during federal shutdown

BY BOB DEMAREE

With no certainty on when the government shutdown will end, Bethany Legacy Foundation last week pulled together service providers in Jefferson County to develop a network of resources for people in need.

Dora Anim, BLF president and CEO, said the purpose and goal of the meeting was to understand how potential benefit disruptions could affect

local families and service providers, and explore a coordinated community response, while seeking to include service providers who represent BLF's focus on children, adults and seniors.

On Tuesday, the shutdown that began Oct. 1 will be in its 35th day, equaling the longest shutdown ever from December 2018 to January 2019.

Ohio Valley Opportunities (OVO) operates a Head Start

Preschool Program that had a Nov. 1 grant award that cannot receive funding approvals due to the government shutdown. Food assistance through SNAP, the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program, was also cut off effective Nov. 1 due to the government shutdown. Two federal judges have ruled the U.S. Department of Agriculture needs to use contingency funds to make payments to provide payments.

However, on Sunday, the Associated Press reported it was unclear as to when the debit cards that beneficiaries use could be reloaded after the ruling, which is sparking fear and confusion among many recipients.

"The way that we're thinking about this is how do we navigate the disruption so that we can see through the fog," said Anim, adding that "this is not a forever situation" but working together

for developing an interim until "hopefully things resolve themselves but nobody knows."

Anim said BLF is working to navigate that uncertainty. "We're just playing the role of bringing folks together and sharing information."

Last week's meeting included representatives from Indian Kentucky Baptist Church, House of Hope, River Terrace Health, Women Infants and Children (WIC),

Lifetime Resources, Salvation Army, River Valley Resources (RVR), Kindness Jefferson County, Ohio Valley Opportunities, Community Foundation of Madison and Jefferson County, North Madison Christian Church, Saluda Township Trustee Cory Thomas and Hope Community, a low income senior housing community in Madison.

"We had a theme that you're

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Shawe, Madison marching bands excel at ISSMA state finals

BY BOB DEMAREE

Successful seasons for the Shawe Memorial High School Band of Gold and Madison Consolidated High School Marching Cubs were celebrated at Thursday's Madison Marching Band Showcase at Cub Field.

Both schools participated in the Indiana State School Music Association Scholastic (ISSMA) State Finals on Oct. 25, which only 32 high school marching bands were selected for one of two categories — Scholastic A or Scholastic B — held at Franklin Central High School in Indianapolis.

Shawe and Madison competed in the state finals in Class B along with 14 other schools in that category — Shawe placed fourth and Madison was seventh.

Shawe Band Director Bill Gordon said, "I think the most amazing thing about this group is the growth they showed this season. With 10 new members, eight of them being seventh graders, after a slower start than we were used to, we still managed to place fourth at ISSMA Scholastic State."

The Band of Gold qualified for its fifth trip to state with a gold rating at the ISSMA regional on Oct. 11. The Marching Cubs' also qualified with a gold rating — their first since 2022.

Shawe competed in the 2025 Springs Valley Festival of Marching Bands on Oct. 4, taking first place in Scholastic Class B, as well as first place for best music, best visual and best general effect categories. "The competition at Springs Valley was definitely the turning point that gave them the confidence they needed to be successful at ISSMA," said Gordon.

On Sept. 27, Shawe was second in the Batesville Marching Invitational, competing in Class AA and



Bob Demaree

Shawe Memorial High School's trombone section plays a featured ensemble during the Band of Gold performance at the Madison Marching Band Showcase.



Bob Demaree

Madison senior Max Way played the bass drum and gong during the Madison Marching Band Showcase on Thursday at Cub Field.

on Sept. 6, Shawe was second with the best music award at the Kings Invitational at Kings Mill, Ohio.

"Even though the state cham-

pionships are over, the Band of Gold isn't done. We will be competing at the Mid States Band Association

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Bob Demaree

Shawe senior Victor Pacheco plays the electric violin for Shawe Memorial High School's Band of Gold during Thursday's Madison Marching Band Showcase.

MadHop features 8 venues of music Saturday, more music Friday

BY BOB DEMAREE

The MadHop Music Festival is back for its sixth edition this weekend, expanding to offer three venues of music on Friday night before Saturday's full schedule of eight venues. Overall, are 32 bands will perform during hop weekend.

The festival, which began in 2019, was originally a Saturday only event but the last two years have included a Friday kickoff event on the outdoor stage, and this year there will be even more music Friday night.

The Grote Stage will again have performances under an outdoor tent on Friday evening, but there will also be acts at the Red Bicycle Hall and the Electric Lady.

"We just decided to expand the hop part of it, so instead of having one or two acts on Friday, we're going to have three venues and six acts," using the same wristband for admission that's also good for Saturday, said Tony Novello, event coordinator.

On Saturday, in addition to music at the outdoor stage, Electric Lady and Red Bicycle Hall, there will also be music at Off Broadway Taproom, Windle Auditorium, Thomas Family Winery, Ohio Theatre and MadPaddle Brewstillery.

The outdoor stage this year is in a slightly different location, moved to Mulberry Street between Main and Third streets instead of the adjacent parking lot where it's been the last two years.

Music on Friday starts at 6 p.m. at the Grote Outdoor Stage with Laid Back Country Picker followed at 7:15 p.m. with Steve Poltz. Performances at Red Bicycle Hall begin at 8 p.m. with Scott Miller followed at 9:30 p.m. with Danny Flanigan + Little Band. Meanwhile, Electric Lady will have Maria Carrelli Band at 8:15 p.m. followed by Shannon Vetter and The Sleepless Pilgrims at 9:45 p.m.

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Pool leak has not impacted MJHS property

Repairs can proceed after engineer says structure sound

BY BOB DEMAREE

An engineer's study has determined the Madison Junior High School building is structurally sound

following recent concerns related to the pool losing water.

Madison Consolidated Schools Director of Facilities Jay Roney had reported last month that large amounts of water were being lost from the pool. Not knowing where the water discharge was going creating concerns about the possible effect on the junior high school building.

Because of that, a decision was made to hire a structural engineer to assess the situation before any work was done to repair the pool. Roney said at Thursday's school board work session the structural engineer's report determined "everything is fine. The building is stable. The property is stable. The pool is stable. Now, we're moving into the next phase" that will involve

repairing the pool to stop the water loss.

Superintendent Dr. Teresa Brown said the leak is occurring in the gutters of the pool, so that's where repairs will be made. There has been no determination where the lost water had been going "but it didn't cause any damage, and it's

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Ex-Trimble sheriff charged with sex abuse, misconduct

BY PAXTON MEDIA GROUP

A former Trimble County sheriff who resigned this summer has been charged with the alleged sexual abuse of a woman in the Trimble County Attorney's Office while on duty.

According to court records, former Trimble County Sheriff Charles Kelton, 53, office at the Trimble County



Charles Kelton

into the Oldham County Detention Center at 6:22 a.m. Saturday, Nov. 1, after an arrest warrant was served in the case.

Kelton admitted to grabbing a woman's hips and pulling her against him after she "physically and verbally" rejected him while in her office at the Trimble County Attorney's Office. At the time

of the alleged incident, Kelton was on duty and in his sheriff's uniform, the arrest warrant said.

Kelton is charged with first degree sexual abuse, a felony, and official misconduct. He was released from jail Saturday on a \$5,000 surety bond, was placed on home incarceration and ordered to have no contact with the alleged victim. His arraignment in Trimble County District Court is scheduled for Thursday, Nov.

6. A former Kentucky State Police trooper and veteran of the Kentucky Air National Guard, Kelton was appointed Trimble County Sheriff in March 2017 after the death of Sheriff Tim Coons and served in that role until his retirement effective July 1, 2024, last running unopposed as a Republican in 2022. After Kelton's resignation, Greg Clifford was appointed in July sheriff to serve out Kelton's unexpired term

Government shutdown could become longest ever as Trump says he 'won't be extorted' by Democrats

BY MARY CLARE JALONICK ASSOCIATED PRESS

WASHINGTON — The government shutdown is poised to become the longest ever this week as the impasse between Democrats and Republicans has dragged into a new month. Millions of people stand to lose food aid benefits, health care subsidies are set to expire and there are few real talks between the parties over how to end it.

President Donald Trump said in an interview that aired Sunday that he “won't be extorted” by Democrats who are demanding negotiations to extend the expiring Affordable Care Act subsidies. Echoing congressional Republicans, the president said on CBS' “60 Minutes” he'll negotiate only when the government is reopened.

Trump said Democrats “have lost their way” and predicted they'll capitulate to Republicans.

“I think they have to,”



J. Scott Applewhite/AP photo

Senate Majority Leader John Thune, R-S.D., joined at left by Sen. Shelly Moore Capito, R-W.Va., and Sen. John Barrasso, R-Wyo., the GOP whip, speaks with reporters following a closed-door meeting with Vice President JD Vance on day 28 of the government shutdown, at the Capitol in Washington, Tuesday, Oct. 28.

Trump said. “And if they don't vote, it's their problem.”

Trump's comments signal the shutdown could drag on for some time as federal workers, including air traffic controllers, are set to miss additional paychecks and

there's uncertainty over whether 42 million Americans who receive federal food aid will be able to access the assistance. Senate Democrats have voted 13 times against reopening the government, insisting they need Trump and

Republicans to negotiate with them first.

The president also reiterated his pleas to Republican leaders to change Senate rules and scrap the filibuster. Senate Republicans have repeatedly rejected that idea since Trump's first term, arguing the rule requiring 60 votes to overcome any objections in the Senate is vital to the institution and has allowed them to stop Democratic policies when they're in the minority.

Trump said that's true, but “we're here right now.”

“Republicans have to get tougher,” Trump told CBS. “If we end the filibuster, we can do exactly what we want.”

With the two parties at a standstill, the shutdown, now in its 34th day and approaching its sixth week, appears likely to become the longest in history. The previous record was set in 2019, when Trump demanded Congress give him money for a U.S.-Mexico border wall.

BIRTHDAYS

Editor's Note: Got a birthday or anniversary coming up? Send name, date and number of years (optional) to zelda@madisoncourier.com or call 812-265-3641. Please leave your name and phone number in case we have followup questions.

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	Nov. 4
Jim Bartlett	
	Nov. 5
Toni Galassi Carol Taylor Aaron Lux	
	Nov. 6
Mary Lynn Stockdale David Sutter	
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WEATHER

Sunrise: 7:11 a.m.
Sunset: 5:39 p.m.
Temperature: High 58, Low 22, Mean 40.0, Deficit 9.1
Precipitation since last published: .16
Precipitation, October 2025: 3.03
Precipitation, November 2025: 0
Precipitation, 2025: 50.86
Barometer 30.11, Rising
River Level at Clifty Creek: 422.44 feet, Steady
Forecast: Wednesday: Mostly sunny High 70/Low 39; Thursday: Mostly sunny High 62/Low 47; Friday: Thunders-torms High 64/Low 44; Saturday: Partly cloudy High 60/Low 46.

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JEFFERSON COUNTY CRIMINAL JUSTICE CENTER LODGINGS Oct. 30, 2025

Kyle William Brezezinski McKay, 19, Madison, to serve 97 days jail on a court-ordered sentencing. No bond.

Oct. 31, 2025

Ceara Rita Hope Hale, 27, Aurora, Indiana, for Battery-Domestic and Resisting Law Enforcement, both Class A misdemeanors. No bond.

Ashtin L. Morris, 37, Inez, Kentucky, on a Jef-ferson County arrest warrant. Bond \$5,000 cash.

Seth James Owen, 59, Hanover, for Dealing in Marijuana, a Level 6 felony; Possession of Marijuana, a Class A misdemeanor; and Pos-session of Parapherna-lia, a Class C misde-meanor. Bond \$1,000 cash.

Nov. 1, 2025

Charles W. Barnes, 64, Madison, Criminal Recklessness, a Level 6 felony; and Leaving the

Scene of a Property Damage Accident, a Class B misdemeanor. No bond.

Nov. 2, 2025

Tresha A. Wright, 57, Lexington, Indiana, for Maintaining a Common Nuisance, a Level 6 felony; Resisting Law Enforcement and Driv-ing While Suspended-Prior Suspension Within 10 Years, both Class A misdemeanors; and Pos-session of Parapherna-lia, a Class C misde-meanor. No bond.

JEFFERSON COUNTY CIRCUIT & SUPERIOR COURT SENTENCINGS Oct. 29, 2025

Alice Marie Petro, 52, Lawrenceburg, Indiana, to an amended charge of Criminal Conversion, a Class A misdemeaor. Sentenced to 180 days jail, with 14 days exe-cuted, served, and 166 days suspended to unsu-pervised probation plus \$189 court costs.

Stephen Wayne Scott, 55, Madison, for Domes-

tic Battery, a Class A misdemeanor. Sen-tenced to 180 days jail, all suspended to super-vised probation consecu-tive to balance of 425 days probation for prior operating while intoxi-cated conviction, plus \$339 in fees and court costs and No Contact Order is to remain in effect as a term of proba-tion.

Garrett L. Madden, 25, Madison, for Possession of Marijuana, a Class B misdemeanor. Sen-tenced to 90 days jail; fully executed; and con-secutive to revocation of 212 days of suspended sentence on prior theft, possession of marijuana and operating while intoxicated conviction, plus \$289 in fees and court costs.

John David McLaugh-lin, 36, Madison, for Operating While Intoxi-cated, Class A misde-meanor. Sentenced to 365 days jail, all sus-pended to supervised probation consecutive to revocation of 66 days

suspended sentence, served, onprior convic-tion for leaving the scene of an accident, plus \$389.50 in fees and court costs and driver's license suspended for 180 days with Special-ized Driving Privileges.

REAL ESTATE TRANSFERS JEFFERSON COUNTY Oct. 30, 2025

Gabriel Camacena Mendez to Jose San-doval and Cleydi San-doval, approximately 22 acres at 7763 West New Bethel Road, Lexington.

Boing US Holdings LLC to Madison Wash Investments LLC, appro-timately 1.3 acres at 200 Clifty Drive, Madison.

Oct. 31, 2025

Mark A. Cady to Larry Horton Sr., 2.72 acres at 9061 West Arbuckle Road, Lexington.

Earl W. Roberts to Tanner Hammock, Heather Huff and Audi-itor of The County of Jef-ferson, approximately 2 acres at 1483 West Hutchinson Lane, Madi-

son. Earl W. Roberts to Tanner Hammock, Audi-itor of The County of Jef-ferson and Heather Huff, approximately 10 acres at 1469 West Hutchinson Lane, Madison.

Douglas Jackson, Shawn C. Scudder and Aaron Q. Smith to Lillian Cox and Aaron Smith, part of 5304 and 5300+ North Scotts Ridge Road, Madison.

Jefferson County Audi-tor Heather Huff and Barry McDowell to Star Stores Inc., 1451 East State Road 56, Madison, Tony Langdon and Sue Langdon to Todd J. Bruther and Todd J. Bruther Revocable Trust, 426 East Main Street, Madison.

2nd Wind LLC to Caylee Gresham and Sebastian Gresham, 48

total lots at 9768 U.S. 421, Madison.

Suzanne M. Allen to R-U Properties LLC, 4 parcels at 2041 Wells Drive, Madison.

Twin Brothers Invest-ments LLC to PGR Fuel LLC and Jassy's Food and Gas, 1806 Cragmont Street, Madison.

Hanover Mobile Vil-lage Corp to Phillips Development Inc., 157 Dunn Avenue, Hanover.

James L. Dierdorf and Sandra K. Dierdorf to Teresa Jewell, 502 East Main Street, Madison.

Cynthia Carole Car-penter and Larry Keith Gray to Cynthia Carole Carpenter, approxi-mately 18 acres at 4598 North Olive Branch Road, Madison, and 4000+ North State Road 62, Madison.

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structurally sound.”

Roney said the structural engineer has also provided good direction in providing designs “on how to shore up what we’ve got without causing more damage, so it a was good investment that we didn’t just jump into” establishing a contract for the pool repair before fully evaluating the situation.

In other business:

• Brown reported on a planning meeting with architectural firm Schmidt Associates on the design for the Madison Early Learning Center that will begin construction next year with a goal of completion by the fall of 2027.

She said plans are not final

but “we were all super pumped after spending the day seeing the cool spaces, the outside play land, the inside sensory space and the inside play-ground.”

She said the building is being designed “in thinking through all the decisions as to what makes the best sense” that’s not just the inside of the building but also the outside in dropping off and picking up children.

Roney said bids for demolition of the former E.O. Muncie Elementary School are expected to go out in early December with demolition to begin a short time after that.

• Brown proposed the school corporation hire Policy Analytics LLC to provide assistance in helping to determine the financial impact of Senate Bill 1 on the school corporation. The cost would

be a \$20,000 one-year fee to be paid out of bond proceeds.

The school corporation currently pays Baker Tilly \$1,200 per month for its financial analysis. “They do a good job, and they’ve given us a very conservative picture which is what we want for what we need to do to make sure we’re handling Senate Bill 1,” said Brown.

However, she said Policy Analytics will go into more depth. “They analyze the impact to your area parcel by parcel of land,” which Baker Tilly does not have the capacity to do. “Policy Analytics will tell us a more specific level of the impact of the legislation.” Also, data from Policy Analytics and Baker Tilly can be compared.

“I think having that additional data from Policy Analytics would be important to make sure we’re using the

right information that’s the most accurate,” she said.

The school board will consider hiring Policy Analytics at its meeting at 6 p.m. Wednesday.

• Roney relayed a request from Lancaster Township seeking a 0.066 acre parcel of land on property at the former Dupont Elementary School that is still owned by Madison Consolidated Schools. “It’s just a sliver of land that was probably forgotten” when the school corporation deeded over the rest of the property to the township in 2014.

Roney recommended deeding the property to the township to be “good neighbors and good citizens.” The matter is on the agenda to be considered at Wednesday’s school board meeting.



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OBITUARIES

Myra 'Jeanne' (Gossom) Spillman Hall

Myra "Jeanne" (Gossom) Spillman Hall, age 91, of Cambridge City, IN, entered into this life on Nov. 19, 1933, as a twin to the late James "Chip" Gossom in Milton, KY, where she resided most of her life. Jeanne and the late Howard Spillman were married for 47 years before his passing. They were blessed with five children, 11 grandchildren, 13 great grandchildren, and one great great grandchild. While raising her family, she dedicated over 20 years of service before retiring from Reliance in Madison, IN. Jeanne remarried in 2004, to Charlie Hall of Cambridge City, IN.

Jeanne was a strong, capable, and hard-working woman with an intense caregiving spirit. Jeanne loved to cook and even more enjoyed eating good food. She was known by many for her superior cooking skills. She showed her love for family and friends through her cooking and serving them. She would not eat her meal until she made sure everyone else had all that they needed. Jeanne always had an open invitation to holiday meals for those that did not have a place to go. She was a beautiful lady inside and out.

Jeanne served the Lord since her early childhood. For many years at Milton United Methodist Church, she loved serving by singing in the choir. She would complement others saying they earned their crown in heaven today. However, truth be told, she was the one that earned many crowns!

She loved to read aloud every word that came into her view such as every sign and word on the television - amazingly at age 91 she did not require any vision correction. Jeanne always maintained her humor and could make you laugh with either what she was saying or her exaggerated expressions. She has always been the beloved cornerstone of her family, and she will be deeply missed.

Jeanne died on Sunday, Nov. 2, 2025, at 12:30 a.m., at the River Terrace Health Campus in Madison.

Barbara Lee Jett Yeary

Barbara Lee Jett Yeary, age 83, of Madison, IN, entered this life on June 21, 1942, in Madison. She was the loving daughter of the late Evan Jett and Thelma Allene Liter. She was raised by her step father, John Liter. She was married to William Yeary for 45 years until his death on May 16, 2016. She had resided in Louisville, KY, Trimble County, and Carrollton. She retired from General Electric where she worked for 25 years as an assembler. She enjoyed flower design, gardening, sewing, shopping for collectibles, yard sales, and traveling. She was of the Christian faith and resided back in Madison, the past three years. Barbara died on Thursday, Oct. 30, 2025, at 8:01 a.m., at her home in Madison, IN.

Barbara will be missed by her loving daughters, Cody Ray Hackney of Madison, IN, Debbie Layton and her husband, Robert of Milton, KY, Toby Jackson of Alaska; her loving sons, Troy Garter of Montana, Michael Yeary and his wife, Joanie of Carrollton, KY; her grandchildren, Brandon, Tony, Zachery, Samantha, Jackie; her great grandchildren, Chance, Lance, and Emma; her nephew,



Jeanne is survived by her husband, Charles Hall of Cambridge City; her children: Gaye Moll and her husband, Bob Moll of Madison, IN; Debbie Bayne of Milton, KY; Kathy McCreary and her husband Ronnie McCreary of Hanover, IN; Kim Ginn and her husband, Danny Ginn of Bedford, KY; and Bill Spillman and his wife, Jennifer Spillman of Milton, KY; her stepdaughter, Rhonda Kelsey and her husband, Tom; her stepson, Eddie Hall and his wife, Marcia; her grandchildren: Lee Mahoney, Melissa Courtney (James Courtney), Joe Mahoney, Stacy Bayne, Amber Pearson (Tim Pearson), Shellie Bayne, Dustin Ginn, Cory Ginn, Olivia Spillman, Tanner Spillman, Billy Spillman, and Stephanie Kelsey; as well as 13 great grandchildren and one great great grandchild.

She is preceded in death by her parents, Clifford and Nora (Horine) Gossom; her brothers: Clifford Gossom and James "Chip" Gossom; her sisters: Norma Grover, Stoy Bradley, Pat Simmons, Elizabeth Anne Obertate, and Nonda Jo Alexander; her husband, Howard Spillman; and her son-in-law, Ty Bayne.

Pastor Joe Baumgartel will conduct funeral services at 1 p.m., Thursday, Nov. 6, 2025, at The Christian Life Church of Milton, 11100 U.S. Highway 421, Milton, with interment to follow in Moffett Cemetery in Milton.

Friends and family are invited to visit at The Christian Life Church of Milton, from 11 a.m., until the time of the service on Thursday.

Lytle Welty Funeral Home & Cremation Service, Vail Chapel is in charge of arrangements.



Tance Jett of Madison, IN; and other relatives. She was preceded in death by her father, Evan Jett, her mother, Thelma Allene Liter, her step father who raised her, John Liter, her husband, William Yeary, died May 16, 2016, and her brother, Winston Jett.

Funeral services will be conducted Wednesday, Nov. 5, 2025, at 6 p.m., at the Morgan & Nay Funeral Centre, 325 Demaree Drive in Madison, IN.

Friends may call Wednesday, Nov. 5, 2025, from 4 - 6 p.m., at the Morgan & Nay Funeral Centre in Madison.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Barbara Yeary Remembrance Fund. Cards are available at the Morgan & Nay Funeral Centres of Madison, and Hanover. Online condolences, remembrances, and memorials, can be left at www.morgan-nay.com.

Emma Wechsler Uebel, age 87, of Madison, IN, entered this life on June 8, 1938, in Abenberg, Schwabach, Germany. She was the loving daughter of the late Georg and Babethe Engelhardt Wechsler. She was raised in Germany and worked as a model until the age of 18 when she moved to the United States in 1958. She was first united in marriage to Edmund Wegner and he died on March 7, 1958. She was later married to Robert Jay Uebel on Oct. 25, 1960, in Radcliff, KY. This union was blessed with sons, Ronald, Jay, and Rudy, and a daughter, Ronda. She had worked as a model for several department stores including, Cain Sloan Department Store. She later worked in retail working for Knott's Shoe Store in Madison. For many years she worked as a private babysitter and loved caring for children. She was raised in the Catholic faith and was a member of the Prince of Peace Catholic Church and attended the Kent Christian



Church. She enjoyed crocheting, caring for her houseplants, caring for her grandchildren, aerobics, swimming, reading, music, and dancing. Emma died on Tuesday, Oct. 28, 2025, at 10:21 a.m., at The Waters of Clifty Falls in Madison, IN.

Emma will be missed by her loving sons, Ronald G. "Ron" Uebel and his wife, Tosha of Madison, IN; Rudy Uebel and his wife, Nicole of Jefferson, IA, her loving daughter, Ronda Gray and her husband, Gerald of Milton, KY; her daughter in law, Monika Wechsler of Germany; her loving grandchildren, Timothy Gray,

Aaron Gray, Leslie Gray Dailey, Daniel C. Uebel, Drew Uebel, Ryan Uebel, Nash Uebel, Gretchen Spack, Piper Uebel, Ryder Uebel, Michael Brand, Angela Wechsler, Bjorn Brand, Rainier Brand; her step granddaughter, Emma Craig; several great grandchildren; several nieces, nephews, and other relatives.

She was preceded in death by her parents, Georg and Babethe Engelhardt Wechsler, her first husband, Edmund Wegner, her second husband, Robert Jay Uebel, died May 28, 1999; her sons, Jay Uebel, Jr. and Waldemar G. Wechsler, her grandson, Christian Wechsler, her brothers, Georg "Digger" Wechsler, Fredrick "Fritz" Wechsler, and Ernst Wechsler

Funeral services will be conducted Friday, Nov. 7, 2025, at 1 p.m., by Bro. Doug Lee at the Morgan & Nay Funeral Centre, 325 Demaree Drive in Madison, IN. Entombment will follow in the Grandview Memorial

Gardens Mausoleum, 9306 North US 421 near Madison, IN

Friends may visit Thursday, Nov. 6, 2025, from 4 - 7 p.m., and Friday, Nov. 7, 2025, from 12 p.m., until the time of service at the Morgan & Nay Funeral Centre, 325 Demaree Drive in Madison, IN.

Memorial contributions may be made to The Waters of Clifty Falls Activities Fund. Cards are available at the Morgan & Nay Funeral Centres of Madison, and Hanover. Online condolences, remembrances, and memorials, can be left at www.morgan-nay.com.

The family of Emma wishes to express their sincere thank you, for all the love and support these past nine years provided by the staff and residents of The Waters of Clifty Falls and a special thank you to Dr. George Alcorn for his 40 years of medical care and friendship.

Cherie Louise Scholl Dattilo



Cherie Louise Scholl Dattilo, age 86, of Madison, IN, entered this life on March 9, 1939, in Louisville, KY. She was the daughter of the late Wilbur Schurch Scholl and Louise Lillian Gutermuth Scholl. She graduated in 1957 from Atherton High School in Louisville, KY. She met Frederick Howard Dattilo at Louisville Art Center and married on July 19, 1962, in Madison, IN. She raised 9 children to work hard, treat others with kindness, and to love learning. Cherie was a lifelong lover of mystery novels, biology, mathematics, astronomy, fine arts, reconciling Science, and religion, and especially all things "Big Cat." She was baptised a member of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints in 1976. She was an active member of the Hard Body Gym and later the Fit For the King Gym. Her accom-

plishments include: Swimming 7 miles across Lake Cumberland, Placing in the Madison Courier 10K Cumberland, Writing a novel, Producing artwork using a variety of media, and Teaching classes in her congregation. Cherie died on Thursday, Oct. 30, 2025, at 9:35 p.m., at her home in Madison, IN.

Cherie will be missed by her loving children, Benjamin Francis Dattilo of Fort Wayne, IN, Nicholas Dattilo

of WV, Anne Monique Dattilo of Downers Grove, IL, Tara Mae Warner and her husband Ed of Townsend, MT, Allen Edward Dattilo and his wife, Dee of Canada, Kendra Theresa Skidmore and her husband Kevin of Layton, UT, Celestra Amber Dewey and her husband Tim of Madison, IN, Wilbur Rigel Dattilo and his wife, Amberly of Salt Lake City, UT; her grandchildren, Joseph, Alexander, Elizabeth, Daniel, Amanda, Sean, Jager, Chiara, Deondrah, Michael, Kara, Kaylee, Kenzie, Rachel, Ryan, Owen, Isaac, Eleanor, Amelia; her great grandchildren, Vincent, Leonardo, Bror, Craig, Maverick, Esmay, Pierce, Kai, Wren, Andi, Vera, Kellan; several nieces, nephews, and other relatives.

She was preceded in death by her father, Wilbur Schurch Scholl, her mother,

Louise Lillian Gutermuth Scholl, her husband of 43 years, Frederick Howard Dattilo, her daughter, Molly Laura Dattilo, her sisters, Ann Long and Lynn Renau, and her brother, Jan Schurch Scholl.

Funeral services will be conducted Saturday, Nov. 8, 2025, at 2 p.m., by her children at the Morgan & Nay Funeral Centre, 325 Demaree Drive in Madison, IN.

Friends may visit Saturday, Nov. 8, 2025, from 11 a.m. - 2 p.m., at the Morgan & Nay Funeral Centre, 325 Demaree Drive in Madison.

Memorial contributions may be made to The Molly Dattilo 5K Annual Run/Walk. Cards are available at the Morgan & Nay Funeral Centres of Madison, and Hanover. Online condolences, remembrances, and memorials, can be left at www.morgan-nay.com.

Barbara L. Geisler

Barbara L. Geisler, 84, of Rexville, passed away at 1:45 p.m., Tuesday, Oct. 28, 2025 at the Kings Daughters Hospital in Madison. She was born in Madison, on Feb. 11, 1941, the daughter of Ralph and Margaret Wainscott Gaines. She was married to Elvan Geisler on Jan. 8, 1961, and her husband of 64 years survives.

Other survivors include two sons Kevin (Michelle) Geisler of Madison, and Kris (Pam) Geisler of North Vernon; one daughter Karen (Jerry) Lucas of

North Vernon; 14 grandchildren and 30 great-grandchildren; one brother Mike (Bobbi) Gaines of Fishers; three sisters Penny Henry of Madison, Ruth Ann (Lowell) Shirey of Franklin, and Marie (Raymond) Gilpin of North Vernon; brother-in-law Dennis (Teresa) Seale of Hope; sister-in-law Donna Gaines of North Vernon.

She was preceded in death by her parents, her son Kenny, granddaughter Deborah Sturgill, her brother Ronnie Gaines, her sister Joyce Seale, and her

brother-in-law Larry Henry. Mrs. Geisler was a 1960 graduate of Madison Shawe High School. Her working career spanned many years with employment as a telephone operator in Madison, child care for OVO in Madison, working as a secretary for Prince of Peace Catholic Church in Madison, and as a CNA, for the Silver Bell Nursing Home near Versailles. Barbara enjoyed fishing, camping, traveling, and crocheting, but her biggest joy in life was her family. Barbara had also served as a girl scout leader in Madison.

son, and she was a member of the Liberty Christian Church near Madison.

Funeral services will be held on Monday, Nov. 3 at 11 a.m., at the Stratton-Karsteter Funeral Home in Versailles, with Randy Thiemann officiating.

Burial will be in the Indiana Veteran Cemetery in Madison.

Visitation will be on Sunday, from 5 to 7 p.m.

Memorials may be given to Huntington's Disease Research or the Liberty Christian Church in care of the funeral home.

Donald W. 'Donnie' Green

Donald W. "Donnie" Green, age 82, of Madison, IN, and the son of the late Paul E. and Ethel N. (Lauderbaugh) Green, was born on Sep. 28, 1943, at their home on Ryker's Ridge in Madison. Mr. Green passed away on Friday, October 31, 2025 at his residence in Milton, KY.

His life will be cherished by his children:

Gary Green and his wife, Dana of Milton, KY, Ronnie Green and his wife, Faith of Madison, and Donna Green of Madison; his sister: Patty Parker of Madison; his grandchildren: Courtney, Lauren, Sara, Casey, Trent, Lee, and Aaron; several great grandchildren; and many nieces and nephews. In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by

his brothers: Marvin E. Green, Melvin L. Green, William R. Green, and James R. Green; and his grandson: Roy Hawkins.

Funeral services will be conducted at 1 p.m., Tuesday, Nov. 4, 2025, at the Lytle Welty Funeral Home & Cremation Service, Vail Chapel, 117 Holt Drive, Madison, with interment to follow in Ryker's Ridge Cemetery.

Friends and family are invited to visit from 11 a.m., until the time of the service at the funeral home.

The family requests memorial contributions be made to the Major Samuel Woodfill Post #9, American Legion. Contributions may be made at the Lytle Welty Funeral Home or at lytlewelty.com.

DEATH NOTICES

Marie Garrett, 87, of Turners Station, KY, died Thursday, Oct. 30, 2025, in Louisville. Funeral service was Monday, Nov. 3, at English Baptist Church in Carrollton, KY, with burial in the English Cemetery near Carrollton. Arrangements by Tandy-Eckler-Riley Funeral Home in Carrollton, www.tandyecklerrileyfuneralhome.com.

Moises Manuel Nopal, 23, of Madison, IN, and formerly of Hidalgo, Mexico, died Tuesday, Oct. 28, 2025, at his home in Madison. Funeral service was Monday, Nov. 3, at Morgan & Nay Funeral Centre in Madison, with burial at a later date in Hidalgo, www.morgan-nay.com.

Walter Renfro Jr., 85, of Holton, IN, died Thursday, Oct. 30, 2025, at Margaret Mary Community Hospital in Batesville, IN. Funeral service is noon on Wednesday, Nov. 5, at Stratton-Karsteter Funeral Home in Versailles, with burial in the Holton Cemetery, www.skfuneralhome.com.

Ray Edward "Eddie" Schneeberger, 67, of Louisville, died Saturday, Nov. 1, 2025, at Hosparus Health Inpatient Care in Louisville. Cremation was chosen with no services at this time. Arrangements by Lytle Welty Funeral Home & Cremation Service, Vail Chapel, in Madison, www.lytlewelty.com.

Mary Irene Squire Kinney Sheeler,

96, of Madison, IN, and formerly of Nebraska and Iowa, died Saturday, Oct. 31, 2025, in hospice care at River Terrace Health Campus in Madison. A moment of recognition will be held Sunday, Nov. 9 at St. Patrick Chapel in Madison. A memorial service will be held in Marshalltown, IA, in the Spring 2026. Arrangements by Morgan & Nay Funeral Centre in Madison, www.morgan-nay.com.

John Graham "Bones" Sheldon, 66, of Madison, IN, died Tuesday, Oct. 28, 2025, at River Terrace Health Campus in Madison. Funeral service will be at 4 p.m. Tuesday, Nov. 4, at Morgan & Nay Funeral Centre in Madison, www.morgan-nay.com.

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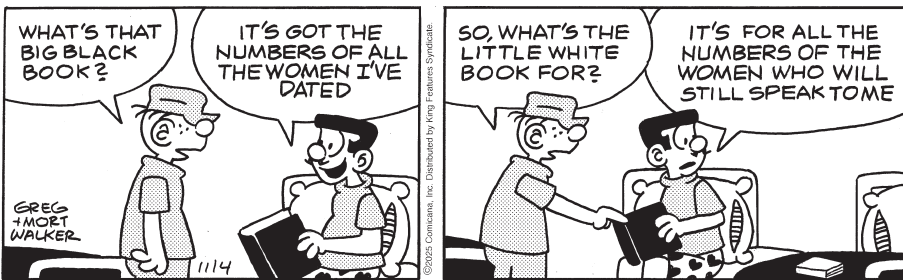
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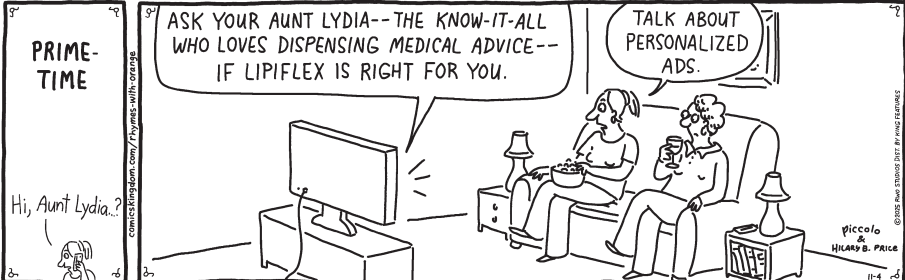
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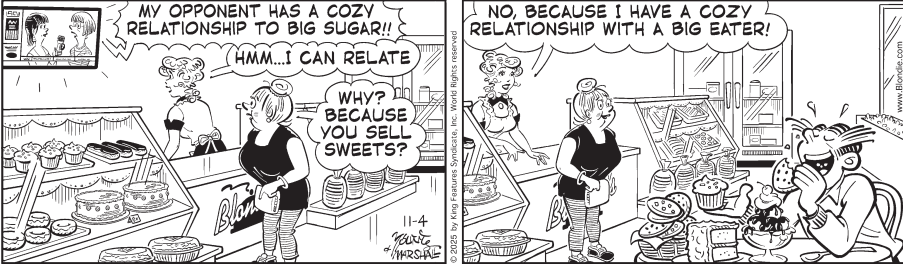
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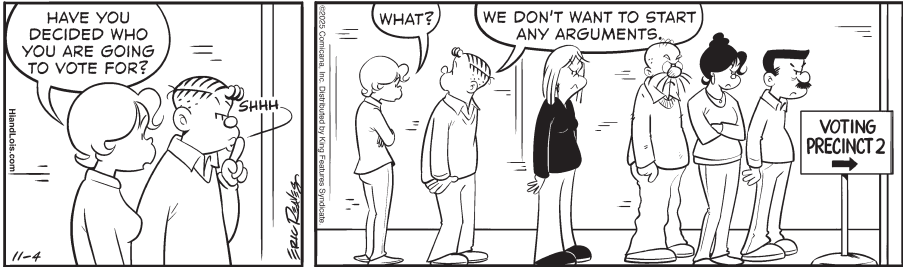
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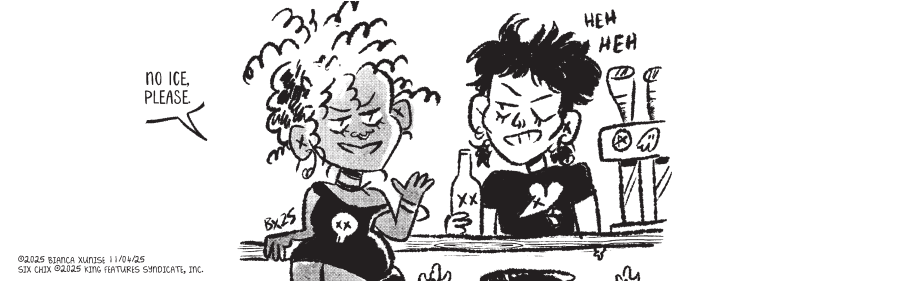
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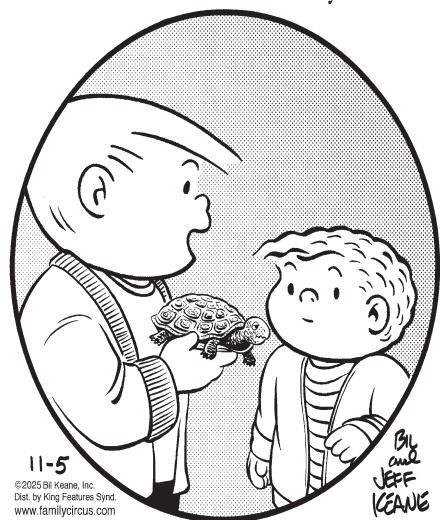


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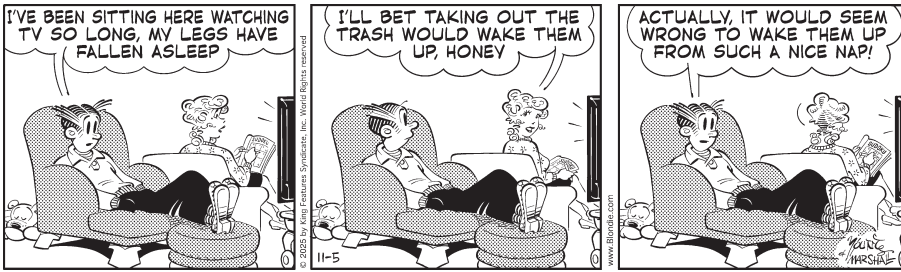
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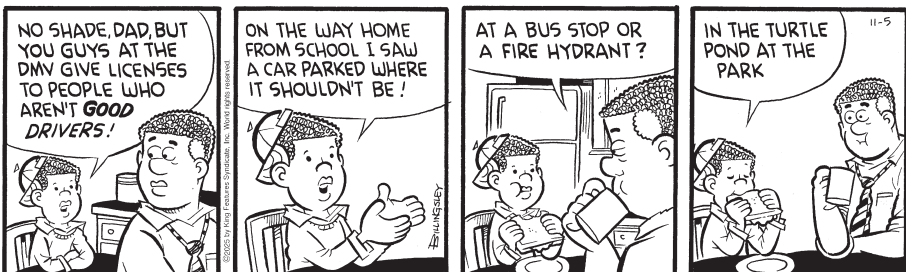
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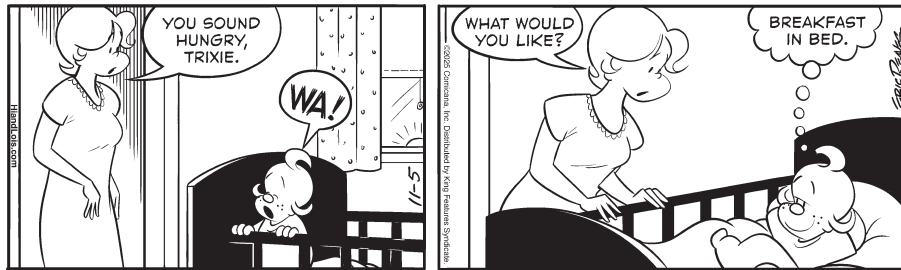
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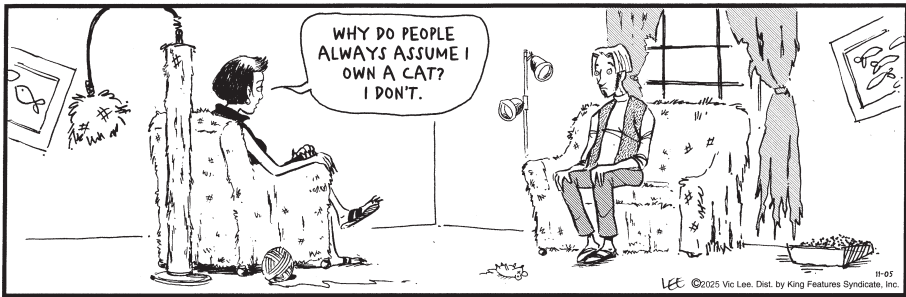
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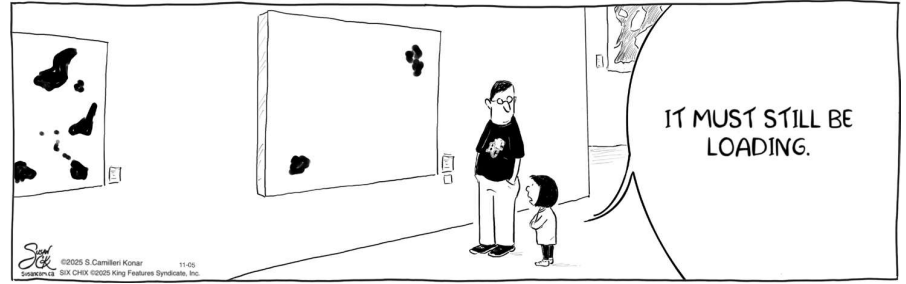
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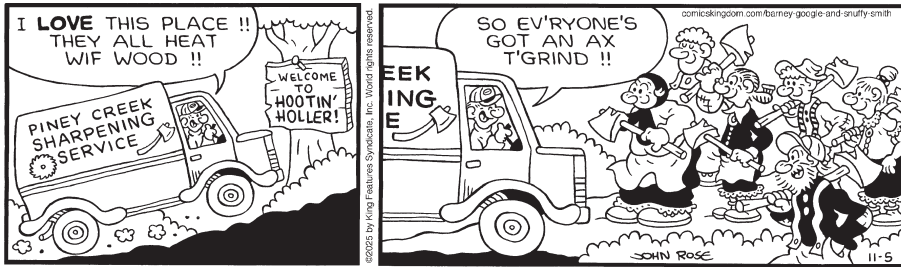
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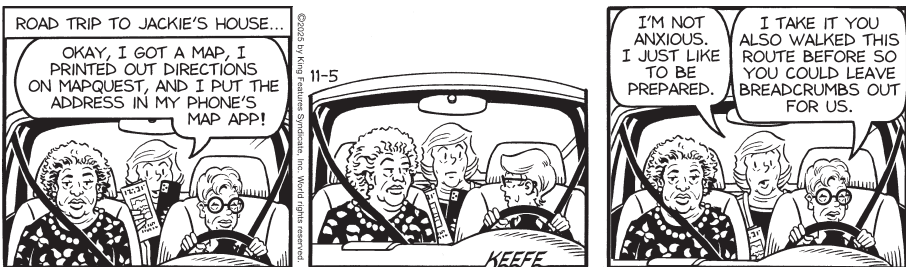
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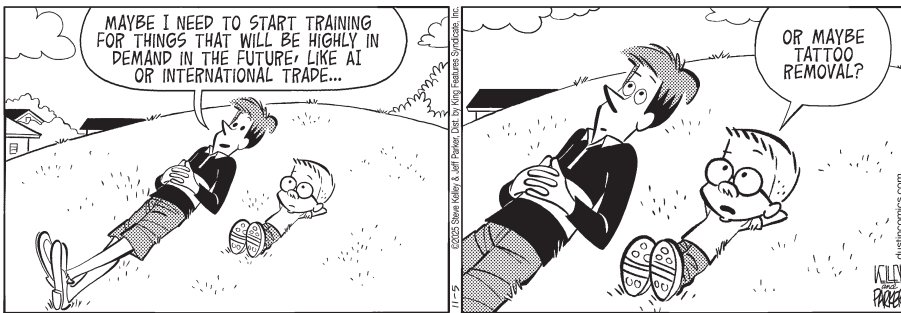
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MCS proposed teacher contract includes \$1,500 pay raise

BY BOB DEMAREE

A tentative agreement with the Madison Teachers Association was presented Thursday in a special meeting of the Madison Consolidated Schools (MCS) board of trustees.

“I want to thank the MTA for being collaborative and exceptional partners in our negotiations,” said MCS Superintendent Dr. Teresa Brown.

Brown said the salary schedule will provide an across-the-board \$1,500 annual increase and all returning teachers will advance a step on the salary schedule. The contract also rewards teachers with the Literacy Endorsement on their Indiana teaching license with a \$200 increase to their base salary one time. The school corporation also will cover the cost of the

increase to health insurance premiums which is anticipated to be 2.25%.

A one-time loyalty retention stipend of \$1,200 will be given to all returning teachers who were employed by the corporation on Jan. 1, 2025 and are still employed by the corporation on Nov. 15, 2025.

In the event a state of emergency is declared, the superintendent or designee may grant affected employees paid leave the duration necessary to ensure the employee's safe return to work. The leave may be provided until the state of emergency has been lifted. Brown explained there were teachers affected by the emergency this past spring during the flooding.

There is an update to the bereavement leave language that allows absence from work with pay for a period extending not more

than five school days per occurrence after the death of a member of the immediate family. The immediate family definition will be updated to include children lost through miscarriage and stillbirth.

The German Club was removed as an extra-curricular position with the addition of dramatics junior high assistants.

Scott Holcroft represented his wife, MTA President Mandy Holcroft, at the meeting. “On behalf of MTA and the negotiation team I would just like to thank Dr. Brown and her team and the board,” he said. “We worked great together. It was very polite. It is super when you sit across and can just talk through things. We would like to say thank you, and thank you for what we were were able to come up with.”

Holcroft said teachers were

unanimous in approving the contract prior to the Oct. 6-10 fall break.

School Board President John Wallace said at the start of the school year there was uncertainty whether any raises could be given this year. “We started out this year and it looked very bleak, and the possibly of no raise whatsoever,” he said. “Dr. Brown and her team worked hard to cut corners where we had to, and we were able to come up with some funds to give our employees a much deserved raise. I think on behalf of the board, we all were glad that could take place, and we too appreciate Scott and your team coming to the table in good faith and willing to work with us. We wish we could do more. We always wish we could do more but I am glad we were where we were at, and were able to do what we were able to do with what we

had, and all of that is attributed back to Dr. Brown and her great team to cut corners and make this possible.”

Board member Jodi Yancey cited MCS's 70-student increase on count day this year as a factor that made the raises possible. “I think if we can continue to do that, it gets better and better each year. Thanks to everybody for putting the word out there how great Madison is, and bringing in the students because that helps a lot in our funding.”

Brown said, “It's like I told our teachers on the first day of school. We will always give them as much as we can. We want you to get as much as we can afford. We value you.”

The new collective bargaining agreement will be considered for adoption at Wednesday's regular school board meeting at 6 p.m.

BAND

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championships on Nov. 8 and finishing our season at the Bands of America Grand Nationals at Lucas Oil Stadium on Nov. 14,” said Gordon.

For the Madison Marching Cubs, this is first year for band director Scott Ulrich, replacing Hannah Johnston who resigned to become the band director at Bryan Station High School in Lexington. “I was not expecting a seventh place finish at finals my first year,” said Ulrich. “I was just happy to be at finals but to be in the top 50% at finals is great. I'm definitely excited,” he said, commending the band members. “They amaze me with their work ethic. I know next year is going to be that much better.”

Madison competed Sept. 27 at the Batesville Marching Invitational, finishing first in Class A while being honored for best music, best visual, best color guard and best general effect. The Marching Cubs participated in the Sound and Spirit of Columbus Invitational at Columbus North High School on Sept. 6, finishing second in Class A. They were at the Floyd Central Highlander Invitational on Sept. 20, finishing fourth in Class B.

“It's a growing year but we are very proud of our success,” said Ulrich, who said his goal is to build Madison's band program for the long haul.

“My goal is to retire from here,” he said.



Bob Demaree

A flag flutters over the Shawe Memorial High School's Band of Gold's brass and percussion section during Thursday's Madison Marching Band Showcase.



Bob Demaree

Madison Consolidated High School's Marching Cubs perform during the annual Madison Marching Band Showcase on Thursday at Cub Field.

MUSIC

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Saturday performances begin at 11 a.m. On the Grote Stage with the Tillers playing at 11 a.m. followed by Smilo and the Ghost at 12:35 p.m., Steve Poltz at 2:20 p.m., the Creekers at 4:15 p.m. and Drivin N Cryin at 6 p.m.

Performers at Red Bicycle Hall are Laid Back Country Picker, 11:20 a.m.; Krystal Peterson, 1:05 p.m.; Chuck Mead, 2:50 p.m.; and Smilo and the Ghost, 4:35 p.m.

Performers at Electric Lady are Darrin Hacquard, 11:30 a.m.; Cody Ikerd and the Sidewinders, 1:15 p.m.; Cam Clark and his Orchestra, 2:55 p.m.; and BG Johnson's Big Brass Band, 4:40 p.m.

Performers at Off Broadway Taproom include Matt Red Moore, 11 a.m.; Whiskey Bent Boys, 1 p.m.; and Nick Dittmeier and the Sawdusters, 3 p.m.

Performers at Thomas Family Winery include Harley Kelley, 11:30 a.m.; Charlee and Cam, 1:30 p.m.; and Ben Knight, 3:30 p.m.

Performers at Windle Auditorium include Keagan Hatton, noon; Jolly Old Hawk, 2 p.m.; and Parker Millsap, 4 p.m.

Performers at the Ohio Theatre include Maria Carrelli Band, 11 a.m.; Cruz

Contreras and the Black Lillies, 12:45 p.m.; Rusty Bladen and the Livin' Daylights, 2:30 p.m.; and Honey and Houston, 4:25 p.m.

Performers at MadPaddle Brewstillery include The Last Call featuring Robert Reynolds, 11:10 a.m.; Jordan Wilson Coalition, 12:55 p.m.; Debutants, 2:40 p.m.; and Charlie Parr, 4:25 p.m.

“I'm really happy” with the performers this year, said Novello. “Every year we try to mix up the genres. We kind of lean towards Americana, but there is also blues, rock, gospel, bluegrass — there's a little bit of everything. You may not know the names of a lot of the bands but you walk away with one of your new favorite bands when you leave MadHop. It happens every single year.” And having performances at various locations makes it a unique experience at each one. “There are different vibes at every venue.”

Tickets are available through Madtix from a link off the madhopmusicfest.com website. Will call is located near the Grote stage on Mulberry Street, and tickets may also be purchased there. New MadHop merchandise is also being sold that is available either through Madtix or at Will call.

BLF

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not alone,” said Anim, telling those attending to “look around the room. Everybody is working on the same thing. We have a network and a resilient community that we can get through this if we work together.”

Each organization has different resources that as they “share and collaborate” they may have what another person needs, said Anim who added the situation is “heartbreaking because we are problem-solvers. We want to fix it, and this is not one of those fix-it situations.”

Konnie McCollum, RVR chief operating officer, said it's been a rough few months for RVR that earlier this year faced uncertainty over federal funding for workforce-based and adult education programs. She said funding has been on hold for the Senior Community Service Employment Program that supports older adults with jobs.

“We have 70 to 80 seniors 55 and older who are low income that is a training subsidized employment program” that has not received funding since July. The program allows the seniors to work for local non-profits with SCSEP paying them wages. “These people are desperate for money,” said McCollum, adding that non-profit organizations are also struggling because they don't have the workers they need. “We're praying that any day now that the government will open and release our funds so we can

get those people back to work.”

McCollum said funding has not been received for more than a one year for the Child Care Development Fund (CCDF) that assists low-income families with child care and is impacting 97 families in Jefferson County.

With the shutdown also affecting Head Start in Jefferson County, McCollum said, “There are going to be families that don't have childcare. This is a critical crisis,” noting people won't be able to work if they don't have childcare. “Children and seniors are being hit

extremely hard,” she added.

RVR is encountering issues this year that the organization has not faced in its 35-year history. “We've never had it affecting the programs like it is now,” said Margo Olson, RVR co-founder and chief executive officer.

“I think it's a combination of what occurred as funds were frozen” earlier this year, McCollum said. “That has never happened before, so then we got our funds unfrozen and then we went into a shutdown. It's a double whammy.”

“The sad thing is our clients are hurting,”

McCollum said. “We've got to figure this out for our parents that are on a waiting list to go to work. We have to figure this out. RVR can't do it by ourselves. That's why it's critical to have community support and

community involvement, and for people to be aware these things are happening.”

McCollum said it is a positive that “nonprofits in Jefferson County are uniting and working together to try to figure out how with limited

funds and resources the most people can be helped ... because his is a critical time with the holidays and cold weather coming up, that adds to the concern that some people will literally be left in the cold.”

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Sports

2A FOOTBALL SECTIONAL

Switzerland shakes off sluggish start to rout Clarksville 56-20

BY THE COURIER STAFF

Switzerland County football got off to another sluggish start — trading turnovers and points with a Clarksville team the Pacers had annihilated 48-0 back on Week 3 of the season — before reeling off 35 straight points before halftime en route to their first sectional semifinal win ever, 56-20.

The win sets up a matchup at unbeaten Brownstown Central next Friday in the Sectional 40 championship and what will be Switzelrand's first trip ever to Blevins Memorial Stadium.

The Pacers were flagged six times in the opening quarter — and turned the ball over on a interception that

quickly led to a Clarksville touchdown — to trail 14-7 with just over 3 minutes left in the opening quarter.

But a touchdown pass from Alex Bailey to Masin Stroud with just over a minute left in the first quarter knotted the scored 14-14 and an interception by the 6-foot-5 Stroud less than a minute later ignited a scoring run that essentially put the game away by halftime as the Pacers scored four more times to jump ahead 42-14.

The blitz included a one-yard keeper by quarterback Alex Bailey, a touchdown run by Matthew Young, a fumble recovery for touchdown by Kolvin Beck and a 10-yard TD run by Beck just 17 seconds before halftime.

And if the Generals thought the Pacers would backslide after halftime, Young took the first snap of the third quarter 68 yards to the house to officially, and emphatically, signal the blowout just 17 seconds into the second half.

Meanwhile, the Switzerland defense was clamping down tighter than ever — and playing much more cleanly penalty-wise — so when the Pacers' Slade Parks scored with 6:05 left in the third period the mercy rule triggered a running clock the rest of the game.

In the end, the Generals (5-6) saw a one time 14-7 lead swallowed up by 49 unanswered points until Clarksville's Julien Gibson closed out the scoring, and the Generals' season,

with a 43-yard TD run with about a minute left in the game against the Pacer reserves.

The win marked Switzerland County's first sectional semifinal win in the 11-year history of the program. The Pacers (8-2) started slow but finished strong just like they had in a massive comeback win over Salem in the sectional opener a week earlier.

"We started off a little bit weak ... we needed to tighten up some things a bit," said coach Ryan Jesop.

"Clarksville had a great game plan and their kids are tough ... last week's game was a good wake-up call. They smacked us in the mouth and we didn't get off the bus until the third quarter.

Tonight we started playing in the second quarter."

The Pacers have already made some school history and could make even more with an upset of 11-0 Brownstown next Friday, but it will take a monumental effort. The Braves shut out Tell City 48-0 in their sectional opener and beat Paoli 63-21 in the semifinals after leading 56-6 at halftime.

"They are very fundamentally sound ... they've got a system and they believe in it," said Jesop, adding that Switzerland knew a team like Brownstown would be waiting at some point of the playoffs.

"They've been on our radar from the start ... you've got to play great teams to be a great team."

3A FOOTBALL SECTIONAL



David Campbell

Madison's Jackson Dean (16) grabs the facemask of Indian Creek running back Drew Pingleton (27) while attempting a tackle in Creek's win in the sectional semifinals at Madison on Friday.

Indian Creek builds early lead and pulls away to beat Madison 46-7

BY DAVID CAMPBELL

Indian Creek scored on its first three possessions and pulled away for a 46-7 win over Madison in the semifinals of the Class 3A Sectional Tournament at Madison on Friday.

The Braves needed less than three minutes to score their first touchdown and led 19-0 by the end of the first quarter.

Madison broke up the shutout late in the second quarter but it was too little, too late as Indian Creek pulled away for the win.

"We knew it was going to be uphill climb, and we missed some opportunities early, and that could have changed things," Madison coach Charles Benintende said.

"(Quarterback) Matt (McCarty) played a hell of a game. He threw the ball where it needed to be, improvised. Our O-line played well. A have a lot of good things moving forward with 18 of 22 starters on both sides of the ball back next year, 14 of them went back for two years. It hurts. It hurts to lose our seniors. They were so good for us, but, you know, we live to fight another day and we'll be fine next year."

Indian Creek (7-3) took the opening kickoff and scored on a Drew Pingleton 16-yard run to take a 7-0 lead, with 9:47

left in the first.

Creek added two more scores in the first quarter — on a 57-yard pass from Evan Clark to Hunter Worley and a 34-yard run by Pingleton — and although the Braves missed extra points on both attempts, they still led 19-0 at the end of the first quarter.

After both teams traded possessions, Madison finally got on the board with 4:17 left in the second quarter when Izik Roberts capped off a nice drive with a 1-yard touchdown run and a Wyatt Overpeck PAT cut the lead to 19-7.

But the momentum was short-lived when Indian Creek's Jaxon Ramey took the ensuing kickoff and ran untouched 97 yards down the left sideline to score the touchdown and push the lead to 25-7.

The Braves added a final score late in the first half on a 6-yard run by Pingleton to make the score 32-7 at the break.

Indian Creek added a touchdown in the third quarter on a 6-yard run by Vincent Carfiro and the Braves' Nate Nash picked off a Matt McCarty pass and ran it in 5 yards for the final score and the final margin.

Madison finished with 194 yards total offense with McCarty completing 17-of-31 passes for 168 yards and three

interceptions. Roberts caught six passes for 56 yards and Bryson Copeland caught two passes for 40 yards.

Indian Creek, meanwhile, had 410 total yards. Clark completed 5-of-9 passes for 146 yards with Worley catching three passes for 120 yards and a touchdown. Pingleton collected 185 yards rushing on 15 carries and scored three touchdowns.

Indian Creek now advances to the sectional championship game where it will travel to Scottsburg (9-2), 27-0 winner over North Harrison in the other semifinal.

Madison ends the season with a 2-9 record, but with a young roster, Benintende is excited for what the future holds for his football team.

"I like where we're heading. I like what we got coming back next year. We got a lot of commitments from some guys that are not going to play other sports. I'd rather them play other sports, but they're ready to hit the weight room for next year," Benintende said.

"We got to see what we got coming in from the eighth grade, see how much they can help. We got some people that are going to be able to play right away. But I love these guys, and it's hard pill to swallow, but we're better for it and we'll be good moving forward."

Carroll edges Gallatin 21-18 in regular season finale

BY THE COURIER STAFF

Carroll County football hung on for a 21-18 win over Gallatin County on Friday night to close out the regular season with a 5-5 record.

The Panthers got on the scoreboard first on a 30-yard touchdown pass from junior quarterback Treavin Shovline to sophomore Hunter Dalton with 8:09 left in the first quarter.

Gallatin answered with 3:48 left in the first quarter and the two played a scoreless second quarter to send the Panthers into halftime leading 7-6.

Carroll then struck for a pair of scores in the third quarter — a 22-yard run by junior wing Karson Vaught with

6:36 left in the period and a second Shovlin TD pass to Dalton with 13 seconds left in the quarter to make it 21-6 Panthers.

Gallatin (2-8, 1-4 District 5) tried to answer in the final quarter scoring a pair of touchdowns to close the gap. But unlike Carroll, which was 3-for-3 on PATS by senior kicker Yerson Aguilar, Gallatin was unable to convert after its touchdowns and ended up falling 21-18.

Carroll (5-5, 1-3 District 5) now makes the 180-mile trip east to Russell (8-2, 4-0 District 6) on Friday to play the Red Devils in the opening round of the Class 3A Football Playoffs.

Russell is coming off a 35-13 loss

to Breathitt County on Friday but had sandwiched two four-game winning streaks around its lone looses on the season to Breathitt and Ashland Blazer on Sept. 19.

TRIMBLE FALLS IN SHOOTOUT

Trimble County lost a shootout at Dayton, falling 50-40 on Saturday in the Raiders' regular-season finale.

No details on the game were available.

Trimble (2-8, 0-3 District 3) will face Newport Central Catholic (6-4, 3-0 District 4) on Thursday in the opening round of the Class A Football Playoffs. That game will be played at Covington Catholic's Dennis Griffin Stadium in Covington.

HANOVER ROUNDUP

Hanover football routs Bluffton 48-0 to clinch HCAC title

BY THE COURIER STAFF

Hanover College dominated Bluffton from start to finish and rolled to a 48-0 road win to clinch the Heartland Collegiate Athletic Conference football championship on Saturday.

The Panthers scored two touchdowns in the first, second and fourth quarters and one in the third to roll over the Beavers and improve to 5-0 in league play.

Hanover still has one conference game left in the regular season — the Panthers' annual Victory Bell battle with longtime rival Franklin College — but has already clinched the HCAC due to its win over second place Mount St. Joseph (3-1) and has earned the league's automatic bid to the NCAA Division III playoffs.

Quarterback Eian Roudebush continued his torrid season, connecting on 17-of-28 passes for 258 yards and two touchdowns. He also had 116 yards

HEARTLAND CONFERENCE Football Standings		
Team	Overall	HCAC
Hanover	6-2	5-0
Mt. St. Joseph	4-4	3-1
Bluffton	5-3	3-2
Franklin	4-4	2-2
Rose-Hulman	2-6	2-2
Anderson	1-7	0-4
Manchester	0-8	0-4
* Clinched championship & NCAA Division III tourney bid		

rushing and a touchdown.

Curbrian Shelby caught nine passes for 180 yards and a score, and Don Dunning had 86 yards rushing with a touchdown.

Madison kicker Clint Hearne hit all six of his extra-point attempts.

Hanover, now 6-2 on the season, hosts Otterbein (1-7) Saturday in a non-conference game and then hosts Franklin (4-4, 2-2 HCAC) on Nov. 15.

WOMEN'S SOCCER WINS IN OT

Hanover women's soccer scored a goal in the 110th minute to beat Anderson 1-0 in the opening round of the HCAC

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Rick Scuteri

Kyle Larson celebrates after winning the NASCAR Cup Series championship Sunday, Nov. 2 in Avondale, Ariz.

Larson wins second NASCAR championship, denying Hamlin in overtime

BY JENNA FRYER
AP AUTO RACING WRITER

AVONDALE, Ariz. — Kyle Larson knew he wasn't going to catch Denny Hamlin in the final laps on Sunday, not without the sort of help that only a caution flag can bring.

Larson got his lucky

break.

Hamlin only got heart-break.

Larson is now a two-time NASCAR champion after denying Hamlin what would have been his first career title when a late caution at Phoenix Raceway sent the

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LOCAL SPORTS CALENDAR

TUESDAY, NOV. 4	Football
Soccer Hanover women at Mount St. Joseph, HCAC Tournament, 7 p.m.	Trimble Co. vs. Newport Central Catholic at Covington Catholic, KHSAA Class 1A Playoffs, 7 p.m.
WEDNESDAY, NOV. 5	FRIDAY, NOV. 7
Soccer Hanover men host Rose-Hulman, HCAC Tournament, 2 p.m.	Basketball Switzerland Co. girls at South Dearborn, 7:30 p.m.
Volleyball Hanover at Berea, 7 p.m.	Hanover women vs. Ozarks at Memphis, Tenn., 8:30 p.m.
THURSDAY, NOV. 6	Football
Basketball Southwestern girls host Henryville, 6 p.m.	Carroll Co. at Russell, KHSAA Class 3A Playoffs, 7 p.m.
Shawe girls at Christian Academy, 6:30 p.m.	Switzerland Co. at Brownstown, IHSAA Class 2A Sectional Championship, 7 p.m.
	Swimming Hanover at Franklin, 6 p.m.

9-0 Hoosiers hammer Maryland 55-10

BY NOAH TRISTER
ASSOCIATED PRESS

COLLEGE PARK, Md. — An injury to Elijah Sarratt wasn't enough to keep No. 2 Indiana under 50 points. The Hoosiers bearily missed a beat without their star receiver for most of Saturday's game, pummeling Maryland 55-10. It was the fifth time this season Indiana has surpassed 50 points and the third time in Big Ten play. The Hoosiers rushed for 367 yards and four touchdowns. "When you want to take away the pass, then all right sure," quarterback Fernando Mendoza said. "We'll run 370 yards down your throat." Sarratt left in the first quarter with what coach Curt Cignetti described as hamstring tightness. Cignetti didn't seem overly concerned, saying his

team "came out good" injury-wise. Sarratt's exit did mean that he went without a catch for the first time in his 47-game career. The 46-game run with a reception was the longest active streak in the nation. Indiana has plenty of depth, though. Omar Cooper Jr. caught seven passes for 86 yards and a touchdown, and the running game was an even bigger story. Kaelon Black had 14 carries for 110 yards and a TD, ex-Terrapin Roman Hemby had 18 attempts for 88 yards and a score against his former team, and Khobie Martin had 11 carries for 80 yards and a touchdown. Mendoza also scored on the ground. It was a rough start for Mendoza. The Heisman Trophy candidate was intercepted on the game's first drive,

and Maryland took over at the Indiana 12. The Hoosiers held the Terrapins to a field goal, and after the teams exchanged three-and-outs, Indiana drove 93 yards for the game's first touchdown. "Really proud of our defense, and then the offense started picking it up," Cignetti said. "A lot of it was the ground game, but the pass game chipped in, too." Mendoza's early interception was the lone Indiana turnover. Maryland ended up with five. Even with Sarratt out, Mendoza threw for 201 yards and a TD. That included a 52-yard catch-and-run by Charlie Becker, one of eight Indiana players with a catch. "Whether it's the defense, offense, we have a lot of confidence in all our guys," Mendoza said.



Stephanie Scarbrough/AP photo
Indiana quarterback Fernando Mendoza (15) reacts after running back Roman Hemby scored a touchdown during the second half of an NCAA college football game against Maryland Saturday, Nov. 1 in College Park, Md.



Michael Conroy/AP photo
Purdue head coach Matt Painter is seen on the sidelines during the second half in the Sweet 16 of the NCAA college basketball tournament against Purdue Saturday, March 29 in Indianapolis.

Three returning starters lead No. 1 Purdue's chase for national title

BY THE ASSOCIATED PRESS
NO. 1 PURDUE (24-12, 13-7 BIG TEN)

Purdue had big expectations coming into this season long before being tabbed No. 1. They have their top three scorers back, plenty of depth, a new backcourt scoring threat and three players listed at 6-foot-11 or taller. Plus, Matt Painter is one of the steadiest coaches in America. The Boilermakers will be motivated after failing to win a Big Ten title and then falling to Houston 62-60 in a Sweet 16 game. Purdue has hopes of winning its first national championship a short drive from campus in Indianapolis.

PLAYERS TO WATCH
Preseason All-American Braden Smith (senior, G, 15.8 points, 8.7 assists) could be the nation's top point guard and will be paired for a fourth straight season with Fletcher Loyer (senior, G, 13.8 points). Trey Kaufman-Renn (senior, F, 20.1 points, 6.5 rebounds) led the Boilermakers in scoring last season. The return of 7-foot-4 Daniel Jacobsen (sophomore, C) from a broken leg could give Purdue its more traditional look.

DEPARTURES AND ARRIVALS
The Boilermakers remain the exception in an era where players come and go en masse. Two backups — G Myles Colvin and C Will Berg — left the program for Wake Forest and Wichita State, respectively. But Purdue also plucked the nation's top-rated transfer 6-11 center Oscar Cluff

(senior, C, 17.6 points, 12.3 rebounds) from South Dakota State and Liam Murphy (senior, F, 13.0 points) from North Florida. Purdue's top freshman could be guard Omer Mayer, who averaged 20.0 points on Israel's U19 FIBA World Cup team last summer.

TOP GAMES
The Boilermakers have another tough schedule after hosting Evansville in the Nov. 3 opener. They visit No. 15 Alabama, host No. 16 Iowa State and Marquette, and play No. 20 Auburn in Indianapolis in December. Purdue faces No. 24 Wisconsin and rival Indiana twice in Big Ten play. But the Boilermakers catch a break by hosting No. 17 Illinois, No. 7 Michigan and No. 22 Michigan State.

FACTS AND FIGURES
Smith was a unanimous All-American and was the preseason selection at Big Ten Player of the Year. Kaufman-Renn also received votes for the All-American team. ... Smith holds the school's career record with 758 assists and needs 133 to break the conference record for career assists. ... Smith and Loyer have started all 110 games of their college careers. Kaufman-Renn has started 75 straight games. ... Cluff and Kaufman-Renn were the only Division I players to average at least 17.0 points, 6.0 rebounds and 2.0 assists while shooting 59.0% from the field last season. ... Murphy was 19th in the nation with 103 3s last season. That total would have led the Boilermakers. ... Jacobsen played just two games last season.

UK notches 7 sacks in a 10-3 win at Auburn

BY MARSHALL DOWNING
ASSOCIATED PRESS

AUBURN, Ala. — Kentucky used a seven-sack gem to end a four-game skid. The Wildcats harassed quarterbacks Ashton Daniels and Jackson Arnold all night, allowing Auburn just one trip to the red zone in a 10-3 victory over the Tigers on Saturday night that raised more questions about coach Hugh Freeze's future on the Plains. Auburn (3-5, 1-5 SEC) has lost five of six. It was Kentucky's first win against Auburn (4-5, 1-5 since 2009). The Wildcats had lost 19 of their previous 20 in the series.

"I was emotional walking off that field because of the pride that I feel for this team," Kentucky coach Mark Stoops said. "It's been hard. I acknowledge that, but these guys have not flinched. I know the results aren't always there, but I know in my heart that these guys are getting better." Both offenses struggled, with the score tied 3-3 at halftime. But the Wildcats opened the second half with a 75-yard drive that ended with a 13-yard touchdown pass from Cutter Boley to Kendrick Law, giving them a cushion they were able to sustain — thanks to a relentless defense. Boley finished with 161 yards passing, a touchdown and two interceptions. Seth McGowan ran for 53 yards. Daniels threw for 59 yards and ran for 57 more in his first start for the Tigers and was replaced briefly in the fourth quarter by Arnold, who was 2-of-3 passing for 15 yards. Both



Butch Dill/AP photo
Kentucky head coach Mark Stoops talks with players during a timeout in the first half of an NCAA college football game against Auburn, Saturday, Nov. 1 in Auburn, Ala.

of them were under duress all night. "At the end of the day, I'm frustrated, too," Freeze said. "We all know that when we sign up for this. We accept it. I love what we're doing here, but we haven't gotten the results." Freeze now occupies one of the hottest seats in college football following his third consecutive loss at Jordan-Hare Stadium. He hasn't recorded a winning season at Auburn in three seasons, and the noise surrounding his potential firing keeps getting louder. "I wish I could ask for patience, but that's not something that people want to give in this day and time, and I understand that," Freeze said. "I just think we're so dang close."

THE TAKEAWAY
Kentucky: The Wildcats secured

their first conference win of the season despite limited offensive success. The defense for Kentucky was able to shut down Auburn all night. The only points allowed came from an interception to set Auburn up in Wildcat territory. Auburn: The Tigers have not won back-to-back SEC games since 2023. Auburn's defense continues to be a bright spot, as the unit is one of only three in college football to hold every opponent to 24 points or fewer. However, offensive production has been almost nonexistent. **UP NEXT** Kentucky: The Wildcats host Florida next Saturday. Auburn: The Tigers play at No. 9 Vanderbilt next Saturday.

New coach Darian DeVries and an overhauled roster renew optimism in Indiana basketball

BY THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

INDIANA (19-13, 10-10 BIG TEN)
After missing the NCAA Tournament for the second straight year, the Hoosiers fired coach Mike Woodson and hired Darian DeVries from West Virginia. Only two players remain from the Woodson era and each has played only one game with the Hoosiers. DeVries has a history of making quick turnarounds. His team won 20 games in his first season at Drake despite having the second-fewest returning letterwinners in Division I. And last season, he nearly led West Virginia to the NCAA Tournament last season after taking over a 9-23 team. Indiana fans hope that first-year trend continues in Bloomington.

PLAYERS TO WATCH
Tucker DeVries (redshirt senior, F, 14.9 points) is the coach's son. The two-time Missouri Valley Conference Player of the Year returns from a shoulder injury that limited him to just eight games



Annie Rice
West Virginia head coach Darian DeVries, who is now head coach at Indiana, gestures to a referee during the first half of an NCAA college basketball game against Texas Tech, Feb. 22 in Lubbock, Texas.

last season at West Virginia. Lamar Wilkerson (redshirt senior, G, 20.5 points) was one of 19 Division I players to top 20 points per game and Reed Bailey (senior, F, 18.8 points, 6.1 rebounds).

DEPARTURES AND ARRIVALS
This long list may be almost unprecedented in school history. Ten players transfers into the program including

Tucker DeVries, Wilkerson (Sam Houston State) and Bailey (Davidson). The

Hoosiers also added double-digit scoring guards Tayton Conerway (Troy) and Jason Drake (Drexel). DeVries will be reunited with his former Drake teammate, guard Conor Enright (DePaul). Guard Jasai Miles and Josh Harris forward each scored in double digits at North Florida last season, and forward Sam Alexis left Florida after winning the national championship.

TOP GAMES
Indiana opens the season Nov. 5 against Alabama A&M. Four days later, the Hoosiers face Marquette in Chicago. The non-conference schedule also includes matchups with Kansas State in November as well as No. 11 Louisville

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Jones delivered a dud in Pittsburgh: The Colts QB believes it's a blip, not an omen

BY WILL GRAVES
ASSOCIATED PRESS

PITTSBURGH — Daniel Jones has spent the first half of his first season in Indianapolis rewriting the narrative around his career.

The story, however, is far from finished. Three miserable hours during a 27-20 loss to the Pittsburgh Steelers on Sunday offered tangle and relentless proof that for all of Jones' progress, he remains in many ways very much a work in progress.

Three picks. Two fumbles. Shaky decision-making. All the bad habits that Jones seemed to have left in New York resurfaced in a performance the AFC South-leading Colts believe is a one-off, not a trend.

“We’re sure of who we are,” Jones said after the Colts fell to 7-2. “We understand if you turn the ball over, that’s going to happen. When we’re protecting (it), things have gone well for us.”

And they have. Indianapolis walked onto the Acrisure Stadium turf having committed just four turnovers on the season. They gave it away six times in all against the Steelers, who turned four of the miscues into 24 points.

The deluge started early when a Pittsburgh punt deflected off Indianapolis returner Josh Downs and Steelers defensive back Brandin Echols grabbed it. The Indianapolis defense held, however, stuffing Pittsburgh on fourth-and-goal.

The reprieve was temporary. The game turned for good in the second quarter, when Colts right tackle



Gene J. Puskar/AP photo

Pittsburgh Steelers linebacker Alex Highsmith (56) forces a fumble by Indianapolis Colts quarterback Daniel Jones (17) during the second half of an NFL football game in Pittsburgh Sunday, Nov. 2.

Braden Smith whiffed while trying to block Pittsburgh All-Pro outside linebacker T.J. Watt, who swooped in and knocked the ball out of Jones' hands before falling on it.

The Steelers scored on the ensuing drive to tie it, then went ahead for good less than two minutes later after Jones threw the first of his three interceptions, a short pass over the middle that went right to Pittsburgh linebacker Payton Wilson.

Two plays later, Aaron Rodgers found Pat Freiermuth for a 12-yard score, and the NFL's highest-scoring offense was suddenly in catch-up mode, a place it had rarely been during the club's remarkable start.

The Colts never got there. Two more Jones interceptions, both off passes batted into the air, and another fumble while being sacked evoked memories of Jones' uncertain play in New York, where he arrived in 2019 as a top-10 pick and left last spring after six mostly forgettable seasons.

Jones' teammates and coaches, however, rose to his defense on a day he completed 31 of 50 for 342 yards with a touchdown both rushing and passing.

Colts coach Shane Steichen said Jones “did good” while facing a pass rush that reclaimed some of its menace after being held in check during losses to Green Bay and Cincinnati.

Wide receiver Michael Pittman put the onus on the skill position players for not getting open fast enough to bail out their quarterback.

“We have to figure out ways to speed it up against guys like that,” Pittman said.

Getting Jonathan Taylor more involved might have helped. The NFL's leading rusher was held to a season-low 45 yards on 14 carries, including just eight carries for 23 yards during the first half when Jones let it fly 20 times against a banged-up secondary that began the weekend last in the league against the pass.

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championship-deciding finale into overtime.

Without that caution, which came with three laps to run, Hamlin had it locked up and was ready to finally shed the label of greatest NASCAR driver to never win a championship. But fellow title contender William Byron got a flat tire and hit the wall to bring out the caution, and a few minutes later, it was over.

“Just unbelievable,” Larson said. “I cannot believe it.”

Neither could Hamlin. “I really don’t have much for emotion right now. Just numb about it ‘cause just in shock,” Hamlin said after consoling his crying daughters on pit road. “We were 40 seconds away from a championship. This sport can drive you absolutely crazy because sometimes speed, talent, none of that matters.”

When the caution for Byron came out, Hamlin led the field down pit road and got four new tires on his Toyota; Larson only took two tires on his Chevrolet. It meant Larson was fifth for the two-lap sprint to the finish, with Hamlin back in 10th.

With so little time to run down Larson, Hamlin came up short with a sixth-place finish as Larson finished third. Ryan Blaney, who was eliminated from title contention last week, won the race.

“You do have to feel for that group and Denny. Doing a good job all day, it not playing out for him. But that is racing. It sucks sometimes,” Blaney said. “They can hang their head about it, but they should be very proud about the effort. They had the fastest race car here. Just one of those things where it doesn’t work out. Looked like it was going into his favor, unfortunately for him, it didn’t.”

It is the second championship for Larson, who won his first title in 2021 when he joined Hendrick Motorsports. It is the 15th Cup title for the organization and came on the 30th anniversary of Jeff Gordon giving Hendrick its first championship in 1995.

As Larson celebrated, Hamlin sat in his car motionless for several seconds, then wiped his face with a white towel, never showing any emotion.

Larson, who has been in a slump since his disastrous Memorial Day attempt to race both the Indianapolis 500 and Coca-Cola 600 on the same day, was also in shock.



LEGAL NOTICE

SWITZERLAND COUNTY, INDIANA
NOTICE TO BIDDERS
BRIDGE NO. 16 REPLACEMENT

Sealed bids will be received by the SWITZERLAND COUNTY HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT, acting by and through the BOARD OF SWITZERLAND COUNTY COMMISSIONERS (hereinafter referred to as "the Owner"), at 12462 MCCREARY'S RIDGE ROAD, FLORENCE, IN 47020 until 1:00 PM local time, November 17, 2025, for the construction of BRIDGE NO. 16 REPLACEMENT for SWITZERLAND COUNTY. Bids received by the time and date specified will then be publicly opened and read aloud at the regularly scheduled Commissioner's Meeting located in the Switzerland County Technology Center, 708 W Seminary St., Vevay, IN 47043, after 5:00 P.M. on November 17, 2025. Any bids received after the designated time will be returned unopened.

THIS PROJECT CONSISTS OF A LUMP SUM BID FOR THE REMOVAL AND REPLACEMENT OF THE BRIDGE ALONG ALLENSVILLE RD, REPLACING THE SECTION OF ASPHALT ROADWAY REMOVED DURING CONSTRUCTION, AND INSTALLING GUARDRAIL ALONG BOTH SIDES OF THE ROAD AT THE BRIDGE AND FOR A 50 FT APPROACH DISTANCE.

After review and award of a contract, the Owner will provide a "Notice to Proceed" to the Contractor. Contractor will then have 14 calendar days after said "Notice to Proceed" to commence construction and 150 calendar days total to achieve substantial completion and an additional 30 calendar days to complete all work for this project, for a total of 195 calendar days after issuance of "Notice to Proceed" to project closeout. Substantial completion date is therefore anticipated to be August 29, 2026 and final completion date is therefore anticipated to be September 28, 2026 based on a Notice to Proceed and Contract approval by March 18, 2026. Contractor will be assessed \$300.00 a day liquidated damages for any work remaining over and above either of the specified contract completion dates. Payment to be made on a standard monthly claim basis, with 10% retainage, and said retainage may be held up to three months after the successful completion of this contract. There is no retainage reduction for this project.

Copies of the Contract Documents are on file for review in the Office of the Owner (SWITZERLAND COUNTY HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT – 12462 MCCREARY'S RIDGE ROAD, FLORENCE, IN 47020). Access to the Contract Documents in PDF format is available upon request from Highway@Switzerland.in.gov. Only those plan holders registered through the Engineer or Owner will be allowed to submit a bid for the project. C-111 Switzerland County, Indiana Bridge No. 16 Replacement There is no pre bid conference scheduled for this project. Bids must be submitted on the forms in the Contract Documents and other conditions therein described must be met. Each bid must be enclosed in a sealed envelope, clearly marked SWITZERLAND COUNTY – BRIDGE NO. 16 REPLACEMENT on the face of the envelope and display the name and address of the bidder. Each bid must be accompanied by a Bid Bond or Certified Check in a sum equal to 10% of the amount of the bid unless otherwise specified, and a completed Non-Collusion Affidavit. Bid prices must be firm for a period of ninety (90) days from the bid opening date. Should a successful bidder withdraw his bid, or fail to execute a satisfactory contract within ten (10) days after notice of acceptance of his bid, the owner may declare the Bid Security forfeited as liquidated damages, not as penalty. The successful bidder shall furnish a Performance and Labor and Materials Payment Bond in an amount equal to one hundred percent (100%) of the contract sum with an approved surety company. Said bond shall remain in full force and effect for a period of one (1) year after date of final acceptance of the work. SWITZERLAND COUNTY reserves the right to accept or reject any bid and to waive any or all formalities. SWITZERLAND COUNTY, INDIANA October 29, 2025

“Could I have got some more carries in there for him? Probably,” Steichen said. “I thought they did some good things, stopped the run early.”

Watt didn't blame Jones for trying to test a secondary down three safeties. Pittsburgh was forced to start Kyle Dugger just three days after the veteran was acquired in a trade with New England. Considering the circumstances, Watt might have chucked the ball around, too.

“They wanted to pass,” Watt said. “I mean, take that as a shot if you may. But I'm glad we were able to capitalize on it.”

The challenge for Indianapolis will be not letting one poor performance bleed into another. The Colts have been one of the league's biggest surprises, thanks in large part to Jones' renaissance. They don't think four shaky quarters should overshadow two months of dynamic playmaking.

“I think we got mature guys in the room,” Jones said. “We'll certainly be eager to correct the things we didn't do as well. But as far as our confidence level or who we



LEGAL NOTICE

PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE

On or about December 19, 2025, Jefferson County, in cooperation with the Telegraph Hill Rykers Ridge Sewer District, intends to apply for a grant from the Indiana Office of Community and Rural Affairs from the State Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Wastewater Drinking Water Program with final applications being due December 19, 2025. This program is funded by Title I of the federal Housing and Community Development Act of 1974, as amended. These funds are to be used for a community development project that will include the following activities: grinder pump rehabilitation – replace grinder pump, floats, and control panels; low pressure collection system rehabilitation – install air relief valves, plugs, and flush connections on existing low pressure force main; mainline lift station rehabilitation – improvements to lift station no. 1 and no. 4; mainline lift station no. 2 replacement – construction of new lift station no. 2. The total amount of CDBG funds requested is \$750,000.00. The amount of CDBG funds proposed to be used for activities that will benefit low- and moderate-income persons is estimated to be \$395,100.00. The Applicant also proposes to expend an estimated \$1,997,500.00 in non-CDBG funds on the project. These non-CDBG funds will be derived from the following sources: Jefferson County and State Revolving Loan Fund.

Jefferson County will hold a public hearing on Thursday, November 20, 2025, at 5:00 p.m., at the Commissioner's meeting at the Troy Morgan Public Safety Center, 620 Green Road, Madison, IN 47250 to provide interested parties with an opportunity to express their views on the proposed federally funded CDBG project. Persons with disabilities or non-English speaking persons who wish to attend the public hearing and need assistance should contact Patty Jackson or Reneisha Rudder – 405 W. US 50; PO Box 765, Versailles, IN 47042, (812) 689-5505 no later than Wednesday, November 19, 2025. Every effort will be made to make reasonable accommodations for these persons. Information related to this project will be available for review prior to the public hearing as of Monday, November 10, 2025, at the office for the Telegraph Hill Rykers Ridge Sewer District (Brenda's Tax Service) located at 119 E. 3rd Street, Madison, IN 47250, (812)265-3917, between the hours of 9:00 am and 4:00 pm, Monday thru Friday. Interested citizens are invited to provide comments regarding these issues either at the public hearing or by prior written statement. Written comments should be submitted to Patty Jackson or Reneisha Rudder, Southeastern Indiana Regional Planning Commission, 405 W. US 50; PO Box 765, Versailles, IN 47042 no later than Wednesday, November 19, 2025, in order to ensure placement of such comments in the official record of the public hearing proceedings. A plan to minimize displacement and provide assistance to those displaced has been prepared by Jefferson County and is also available to the public. This project will result in no displacement of any persons or businesses. For additional information concerning the proposed project, please contact Patty Jackson or Reneisha Rudder – Monday thru Friday, 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. or write to them Southeastern Indiana Regional Planning Commission, 405 W. US 50; PO Box 765, Versailles, IN 47042, (812) 689-5505.

believe we are as a team, we're sure of that.”

The Colts will take a long flight to Berlin, Germany, later this week ahead of an international meeting with Atlanta. A welcome week off follows, before a stretch run that will carry far higher stakes

than anyone outside of Indianapolis imagined when the season began.

“We just have to move on and keep playing,” tight end Tyler Warren said. “It’s a long season. We still have a lot to prove.”



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BOARD OF DIRECTORS)

IN THE MATTER OF THE STUCKER)
FORK CONSERVANCY DISTRICT)
BOARD OF DIRECTORS)
The Board of Directors, Stucker Fork Conservancy District, of Scott and Jefferson Counties, Indiana, hereby gives notice inviting nominations to fill a vacancy on the Board of Directors of said District – for a Four (4) year term as a member thereof beginning on December 15, 2025, which vacancy shall be filled by a majority secret written ballot vote of the freeholders of the District who are present and voting in person or by a written ballot vote which must be signed and mailed or delivered to the District Office. Said annual meeting of said Board of Directors will be held at 7:30 p.m. E.S.T on Monday the 15th day of December 2025, as previously established by the Scott Circuit Court.

The name of the Director whose term expires on December 15, 2025 is: John Bard, 2752 E. Cutshall Road, Austin, Indiana 47102, who currently represents Area One (1) of the District as established by the Order of the Scott Circuit Court, dated January 10, 1969, defined as follows:

Area One (1) is that portion of the District situated in Jennings and Johnson Township, Scott County, Indiana, and that portion of the District in Section 9, Township 3N, Range 8E, in Graham Township, Jefferson County, Indiana.

Said term for said Area One (1) shall be for Four (4) years beginning at the Annual Meeting of said District on December 15, 2025.

Additional qualifications of a Director are: That said Director shall be a freeholder of the Area of the District for which he or she is nominated or an Officer or nominee of a corporate freeholder of the Area of the District for which he or she is nominated and shall be qualified by knowledge and experience in matters pertaining to the development of the District.

Nominations for said Director as specified hereinabove shall be submitted to the Office of the District, as set out below, in writing prior to the first day of December, 2025 and each of such written nominations shall be signed by at least five (5) freeholders from the Area for which said nominations are made as designated by this notice, namely Area One (1) as set out hereinabove. Nominations shall be deemed as submitted and received at the District Office if delivered thereto or the envelope containing the same with sufficient United States Postage thereon is addressed to the District Office and postmarked prior to the first day of December 2025 and delivered thereto.

This Notice is given as provided by law, namely, an act relating to Conservancy Districts, the same being Acts of the General Assembly, 1957, as Amended. (I.C. 14-33-5-3)

DATED this 22nd of October, 2025.
Lisa Wheeler, Financial Clerk
Stucker Fork Conservancy District

Mailing Address:
P.O. Box 135
Scottsburg, IN 47170

Office Location:
2260 U.S. Highway 31 N.
Austin IN 47102



LEGAL NOTICE

SWITZERLAND COUNTY, INDIANA
NOTICE TO BIDDERS
BRIDGE NO. 16 REPLACEMENT

Sealed bids will be received by the SWITZERLAND COUNTY HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT, acting by and through the BOARD OF SWITZERLAND COUNTY COMMISSIONERS (hereinafter referred to as "the Owner"), at 12462 MCCREARY'S RIDGE ROAD, FLORENCE, IN 47020 until 1:00 PM local time, November 17, 2025, for the construction of BRIDGE NO. 16 REPLACEMENT for SWITZERLAND COUNTY. Bids received by the time and date specified will then be publicly opened and read aloud at the regularly scheduled Commissioner's Meeting located in the Switzerland County Technology Center, 708 W Seminary St., Vevay, IN 47043, after 5:00 P.M. on November 17, 2025. Any bids received after the designated time will be returned unopened.

THIS PROJECT CONSISTS OF A LUMP SUM BID FOR THE REMOVAL AND REPLACEMENT OF THE BRIDGE ALONG ALLENSVILLE RD, REPLACING THE SECTION OF ASPHALT ROADWAY REMOVED DURING CONSTRUCTION, AND INSTALLING GUARDRAIL ALONG BOTH SIDES OF THE ROAD AT THE BRIDGE AND FOR A 50 FT APPROACH DISTANCE.

After review and award of a contract, the Owner will provide a "Notice to Proceed" to the Contractor. Contractor will then have 14 calendar days after said "Notice to Proceed" to commence construction and 150 calendar days total to achieve substantial completion and an additional 30 calendar days to complete all work for this project, for a total of 195 calendar days after issuance of "Notice to Proceed" to project closeout. Substantial completion date is therefore anticipated to be August 29, 2026 and final completion date is therefore anticipated to be September 28, 2026 based on a Notice to Proceed and Contract approval by March 18, 2026. Contractor will be assessed \$300.00 a day liquidated damages for any work remaining over and above either of the specified contract completion dates. Payment to be made on a standard monthly claim basis, with 10% retainage, and said retainage may be held up to three months after the successful completion of this contract. There is no retainage reduction for this project.

Copies of the Contract Documents are on file for review in the Office of the Owner (SWITZERLAND COUNTY HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT – 12462 MCCREARY'S RIDGE ROAD, FLORENCE, IN 47020). Access to the Contract Documents in PDF format is available upon request from Highway@Switzerland.in.gov. Only those plan holders registered through the Engineer or Owner will be allowed to submit a bid for the project.

There is no pre bid conference scheduled for this project.

Bids must be submitted on the forms in the Contract Documents and other conditions therein described must be met. Each bid must be enclosed in a sealed envelope, clearly marked

SWITZERLAND COUNTY – BRIDGE NO. 16 REPLACEMENT on the face of the envelope and display the name and address of the bidder. Each bid must be accompanied by a Bid Bond or Certified Check in a sum equal to 10% of the amount of the bid unless otherwise specified, and a completed Non-Collusion Affidavit. Bid prices must be firm for a period of ninety (90) days from the bid opening date. Should a successful bidder withdraw his bid, or fail to execute a satisfactory contract within ten (10) days after notice of acceptance of his bid, the owner may declare the Bid Security forfeited as liquidated damages, not as penalty. The successful bidder shall furnish a Performance and Labor and Materials Payment Bond in an amount equal to one hundred percent (100%) of the contract sum with an approved surety company. Said bond shall remain in full force and effect for a period of one (1) year after date of final acceptance of the work.

SWITZERLAND COUNTY reserves the right to accept or reject any bid and to waive any or all formalities.

SWITZERLAND COUNTY, INDIANA

October 29, 2025

HANOVER

FROM **PAGE B1**

Women's Soccer Tournament at home on Saturday.

Despite outshooting the Ravens 18-4, Hanover needed nearly every minute in the match to finally secure the win. Cam Horsley knocked in the game-winner with just moments to spare in the

second overtime to allow the Panthers to advance.

Hanover, now 8-6-4 on the season, will travel to top-seeded Mount St. Joseph on Tuesday for the semifinal match. The championship will be on Saturday.

CROSS COUNTRY RUNS AT HCAC

Hanover's cross country teams competed in the HCAC Championships at Shelbyville

on Saturday.

The women placed third overall with 63 points and the men ran fourth overall with 105 points. Manchester won the women's team title with 55 points and Rose-Hulman won the men's title with 25 points.

Results for the Hanover women were: Kaylee Kinser, fourth, 22:56.79; Callie Swegman, fifth, 23:08.98; Lanie Roberts, 13th, 24:13.35; Paige

Wildman, 21st, 25:16.47; Jennifer Guevara, 28th, 25:38.37; Elyse Wilson, 29th, 25:42.24; Adair Dooley, 30th, 25:47.62; Lawson Phillips, 41st, 26:31.61; and Lauren Todd, 53rd, 28:16.16.

Results for the Hanover men were: Colin Kistler, 13th, 27:11.98; Oxiel Castro Badillo, 17th, 27:18.14; Conner Watson, 35th, 28:14.32; Jacob Miller, 42nd, 29:04.94; Charlie Stuelpe, 44th, 29:13.58; and

Corwyn Barrows, 68th, 30:18.78.

Madison's Logan Ferris placed 16th overall in 27:16.94 while competing for Manchester and Switzerland County's Nathan Furnish was 57th in 29:37.10 for Franklin.

VOLLEYBALL KNOCKS OFF EARLHAM

Hanover picked up a four-set win over Earlham in volleyball Saturday at home.

The Panthers won by scores of 25-23, 19-25, 25-23, 25-23.

Abbey McCoy had 19 kills for the Panthers, Madison Schicker had 29 digs, Elliot Mays had two blocks and Brooke Gervers had 23 assists.

Hanover, now 16-10 overall and 4-3 HCAC, heads to Berea on Wednesday and hosts Anderson on Saturday in its final regular-season match.

NEW

FROM **PAGE B2**

in Indianapolis and at No. 9 Kentucky. They'll play No. 22 Michigan State twice, visit No. 12 UCLA in late January and have a three-game stretch in February against No. 24 Wisconsin, Oregon and No. 17 Illinois before facing No. 1 Purdue.

FACTS AND FIGURES

Tucker DeVries also was the MVC Tournament's Most Outstanding Player in 2024, too. ... Conerway was last season's Sun Belt Conference Player of the Year. ... Bailey, Miles, Reed and Wilkerson also earned all-conference honors last season and Harris made his league's all-freshman team. ... G Nick Dorn (Elon) was one of six Division I

players to average at least 15.0 points per game while making at least 70 3s and 90 free throws in fewer than 1,000 minutes. ... Freshman F Trent Sisley is one of three Indiana natives on the roster. He grew up in Santa Claus, Indiana. ... The Hoosiers have two overseas players — G Aleksa Ristic (Serbia) and C Andrej Acimovic (Serbia). Both are freshmen.

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STATE OF INDIANA
COUNTY OF JEFFERSON
IN THE JEFFERSON
SUPERIOR COURT
CAUSE NO. 39D01-2503-DN-230

IN RE THE MARRIAGE OF:
Christopher Hoagland
Petitioner,
v.
Haylee Hoagland
Respondent.

SUMMONS

The State of Indiana to Respondent:
Haylee Hoagland
5218 S Lake Road
Scottsburg, IN.47170

You have been sued by your spouse for dissolution of marriage. The case is pending in the Court named above. If this Summons is accompanied by an Order Setting Hearing, you must appear in Court on the date and time stated on the Order Setting Hearing. IF YOU DO NOT APPEAR, EVIDENCE MAY BE HEARD AND A DECISION MAY BE MADE BY THE COURT. If a Temporary Restraining Order is issued, it is effective immediately upon your receipt or knowledge of the Order. If you wish to retain an attorney to represent you in the matter, it is advisable to do so before the date stated on the Notice of Provisional Hearing. If you take no action in this case after receipt of this Summons, the Court can grant a Dissolution of Marriage and/or make determinations that may include but not limited to any of the following: paternity, child custody, child support, maintenance, parenting time, property (real or personal), and other distribution of assets and debts, attorney fees and costs.
Date: 3/19/2025

/s/ Tabatha Eblen, Clerk
Jefferson County
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BY THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

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Ridden by Ryusei Sakai, Forever Young ran 1 1/4 miles in 2:00.19 and paid \$9 to win at 7-2 odds. The colt was third in last year's Classic behind Sierra Leone and Fierceness.

The race lost Kentucky Derby and Belmont winner Sovereignty

when the colt was scratched after spiking a fever earlier in the week.

Trainer Yoshito Yahagi earned his third career Cup victory, while Sakai claimed his first.

"Forever Young is an amazing horse," Yahagi said through a translator.

Fierceness was third and Preakness winner Journalism was fourth. Mindframe finished fifth, followed by Baeza, Nevada Beach, Antiquarian and Contrary Thinking.

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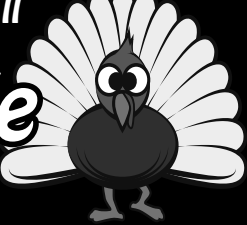
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